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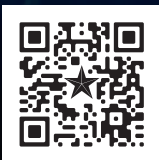
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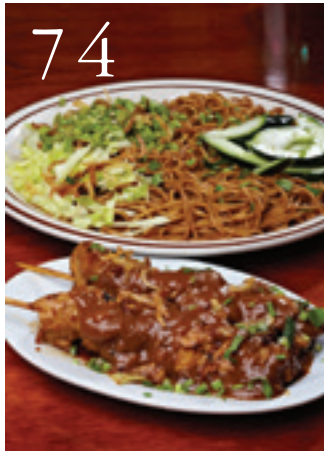
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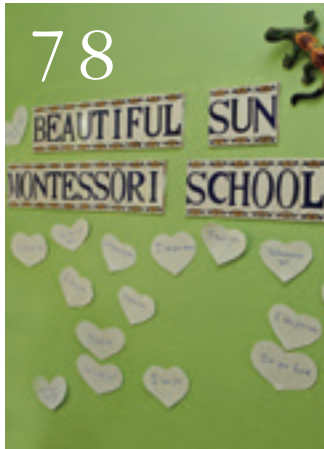
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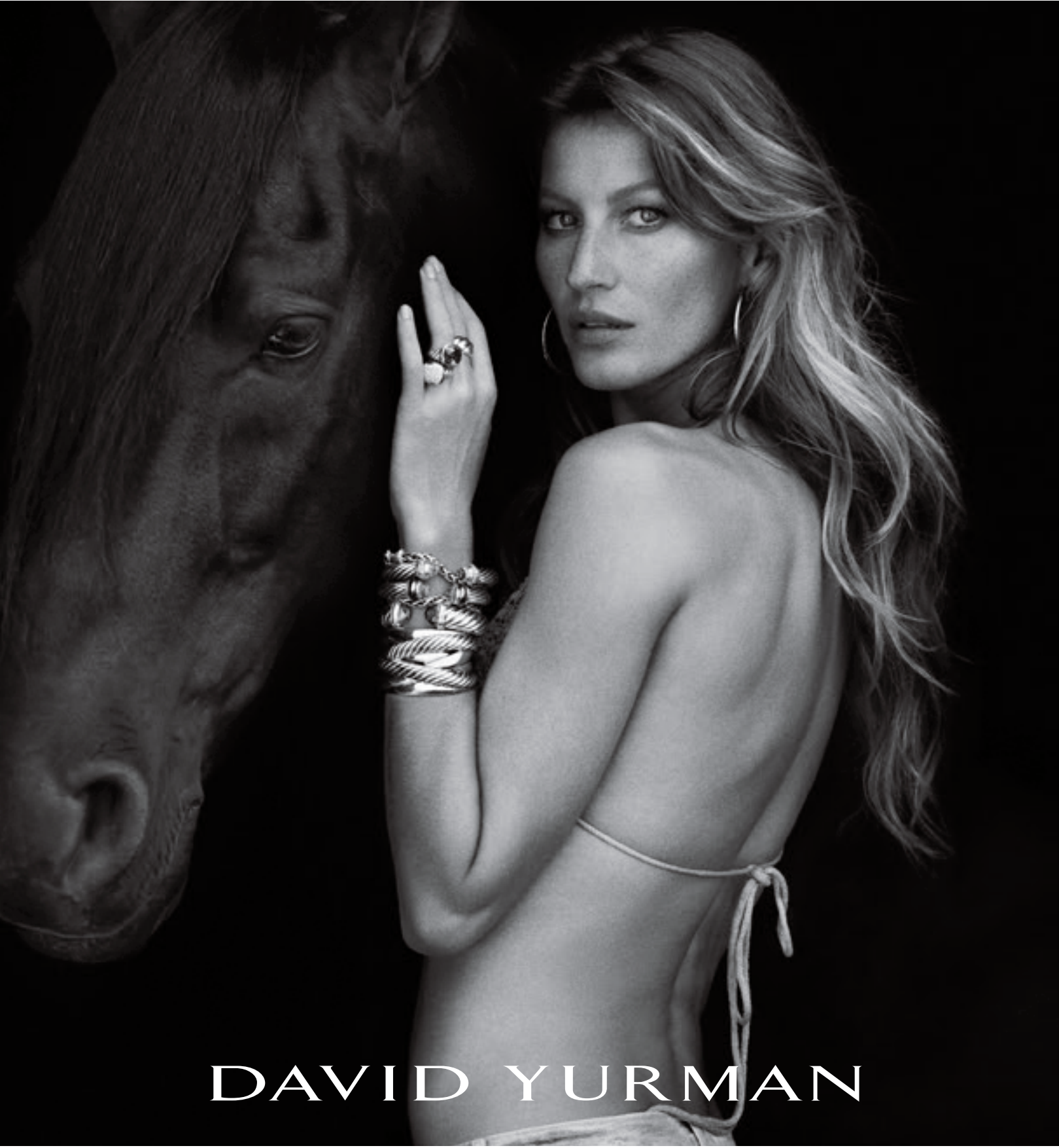


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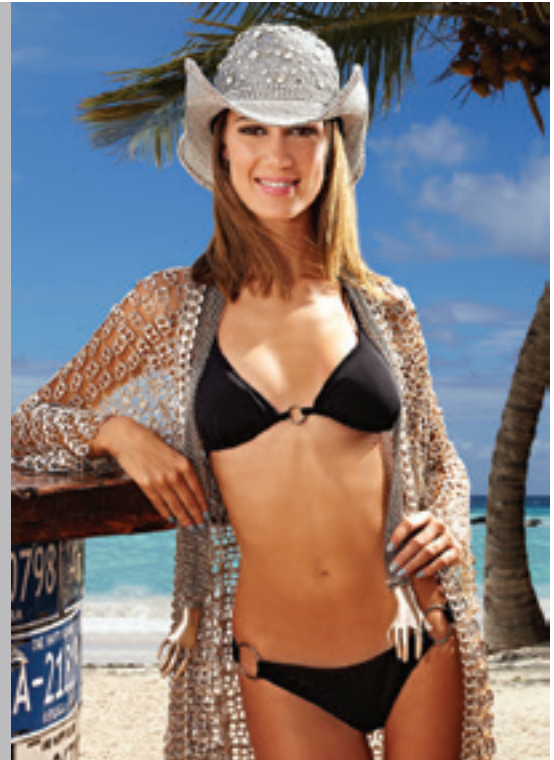
**O**ur crew is dedicated to going beyond beaches to bring our readers the sights, sounds, and tastes of Aruba. Each edition will contain fresh features and photography spotlighting the local personalities that make this island such a remarkable corner of the world.

Our writers will continue to peel back the cultural layers and introduce you to the talented artists, musicians, chefs, and everyday folk that make Aruba “One Happy Island” and a place you will want to return to again and again.

The *Island Temptations* Crew

## Our Front COVER

Beach beauty Marylaine Veldman is pictured here in a jacket (made from recycled soda pop-tops), rhinestone-studded cowboy hat, and mesh wrap belt from Caribbean Queen. Swimsuit available at The Juggling Fish. Shot by Steve Keith. Hair and makeup by Beauty Team. Cover concept and styling by Tina Causey-Bislick.



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Every Tuesday this festival happens rain or shine from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Fort Zoutman in Oranjestad. Enjoy island dancers and rhythms of the steel drums, browse stands of local artwork, and partake of food and refreshments.

### Caribbean Festival • Thursday Evenings

This street festival takes place in San Nicolas every Thursday night from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., showcasing the multicultural charms of Aruba's "Sunrise City." Tourists can purchase packages, which include round-trip transportation, at their hotels, or they can journey on their own. Enjoy a diversity of cuisines from the region and a parade of local entertainers.

### 28th Aruba International Half Marathon (21K) • March 17

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### National Anthem & Flag Day • March 18

A strong sense of pride is displayed each year as Arubans celebrate their "status aparte" on Flag & Anthem Day. An impressive folkloric production marking the holiday is held each year at Plaza Betico Croes in Oranjestad. This official holiday also features many sporting events and games throughout the Island for kids and adults.

### Queen's Birthday • April 30

An official government ceremony paying honor to Queen Beatrix is followed by numerous family-friendly celebrations. Sports competitions, kite-flying contests, and fun-filled activities are held at various island locales.

### 52nd Annual 10K International Boulevard Race • April 30

Aruba's most popular running race draws over 400 competitors from countries including Aruba, Venezuela, Colombia, Curacao, the U.S., and Holland. The 10K event starts at 5:30 p.m. on L.G. Smith Blvd. in the Malmok area and ends at the parking lot of the Aruba Ports Authority. Online registration is now open at [www.regonline.com/arubainternational10kboulevardrace2012](http://www.regonline.com/arubainternational10kboulevardrace2012).

### DeepStacks Players Poker Championship Aruba • May 2 - 9

The event begins on Thursday, May 2, at the Westin Resort & Casino, Aruba, for eight days of poker action. In its second installment, PPC Aruba boasts eight total events with four feature events. Those four feature events have guarantees worth a total of \$300,000. The \$2,500 Main Event will run from May 5 through May 9, garnering a \$200,000 guarantee.

### 13th Annual Aruba Soul Beach Music Festival • May 22 - 27

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### Dera Gai (St. John's Day) • June 24

Aruba's harvest festival is now a cultural celebration featuring traditional song and dance. The symbol of the rooster and bright yellow-and-red costumes are central to events held at various locations, including island community centers.



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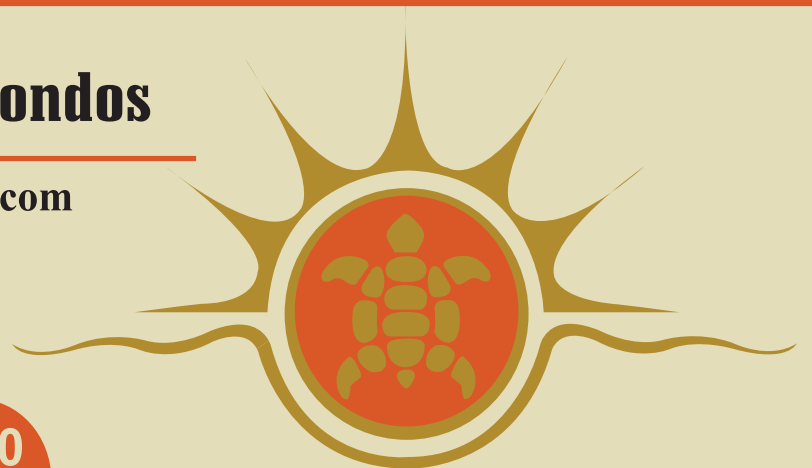
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# My Two Scents

Text by Susanne von Saalfeld



## Eau de Gentiane Blanche

My husband and I share our fragrances. The bottles all sit together on the top shelf of the medicine cabinet, well protected from light and heat. Of our supply, there are a few perfumes that are too feminine for a man to pull off, like the exuberant florals and the quasi-edible gourmands. There are also the masculines that just smell too, well, manly. Seduced by its unusualness, I bought a bottle of **Eau de Gentiane Blanche** a few years ago. Even today we both often reach for it in the morning. It is a true unisex fragrance that we've both come to love.

Eau de Gentiane Blanche was debuted as part of a trio of colognes in 2009 by Hermès along with **Eau Pampelmousse Rose** and **Eau d'Orange Verte**. Of the three, it is the black sheep of the family. I find Pampelmousse Rosse to be the most friendly of the bunch—a shimmering stylized take on pink grapefruit. The second, Orange Vert, is a more traditionally masculine type of cologne based on the smell of bitter green orange rinds. And then there is Gentiane Blanche. If Pampelmousse is the overachieving brother with a sparkle in his smile and Orange Vert is the lacrosse-playing jock, Gentiane Blanche is the mysterious and brooding intellectual

of the family who reads and might even understand Proust.

Gentiane Blanche is a surprise at first sniff. It is impossible to catalog instantly, as there are very few fragrances like it. It is an avant-garde masculine floral, except that in this case, the word “floral” may lead to a misunderstanding. Instead of rose, lily, or jasmine, or other traditional floral scents, this fragrance is built on the humble alpine-gentian flower. It has a weedier type of botanical aroma. It compares to the scent of crushed wild flowers—muted, herbaceous, white, and a little bit dusty. It is a strange kind of beautiful.

The fragrance is very sheer and dry and stays close to the skin. It doesn't cry out for attention; therefore, it's probably not for the **Joop!** or **Polo Sport** fans out there, or for those who enjoy blasting music from their cars with the windows down. With a straightforward dry down, it dims with time, but does not change from its original form. It has a cool bareness that I find works very well with Aruban weather.

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## La Petite Robe Noir

My boss at the magazine, a perfume enthusiast, sent me a one-line email a few months ago: “Amazing new fragrance, **La Petite Robe Noire** (The Little Black Dress) by Guerlain, wow!”

Expectations are high with an introduction like that. I made my way to the perfume shop, took it off the shelf, and sprayed it onto the paper blotter. Right away: Cherries! Cherries! Cherries! Not quite the fruit, but definitely the cough-syrup flavor. It is tart and fizzy, and intensified by a marzipan-licorice note that appears mischievously in the background. If it were a beverage, it would be like a liquor made



with almonds and cherry Jolly Ranchers. Positively naughty and intoxicating. (Insert throaty growling sound here.)

This “little black dress” is clearly not a demure cocktail outfit. The advertisement features a slinky silhouetted girl prancing through Paris to Nancy Sinatra's “These Boots Are Made For Walkin'.” The perfume is cheeky and youthful, but it's also interesting enough to keep it away from the teenybopper domain. It is perfect for nighttime wear, but beware, it might turn men into Pepe Le Pews who chase you while murmuring love declarations in French.

The fragrance was created by in-house perfumer for Guerlain, Thierry Wasser, the nose behind **Idylle**, **Addict**, and Diesel's **Fuel for Life**, among other perfume mega hits. He took the original 2009 limited-distribution fragrance and reworked it into its current sweet and zingy form. I'm sometimes skeptical about relaunched fragrances because they are often just toned down, more commercial versions of the originals. In this case, however, I'll gladly take the new creation!

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## Perfume Q&A with

PR Diva Rona Coster-Kahan  
& Exercise Diva  
Jenn Coster-Aldridge



### Q. Rona, how did you come to love perfume?

**A:** My French-Creole mother-in-law used to give me the classics. According to her, if it isn't French, it isn't perfume. I had to endure gifts of **Joy**, by Jean Patou, which at the time cost one hundred dollars for one ounce. It was thought of as "the most exquisite perfume in the world." That was a lot of money then! Year after year after year, I would get the dark-amber-colored fragrance that looked like elephant urine in a tiny bottle.

Then there was Guerlain's **Shalimar**, which has remained unchanged since 1925. After that, **L'Heure Bleue**, unchanged since 1912. According to Laura Coster, *une vraie femme*, a real woman wore Caron's **Fleurs de Rocaille**, because the new American fragrances were sacrilegious. She thought the fragrances were loud and vulgar. Only French perfume would do.

Then Guerlain did me a personal favor and came up with a new oriental fragrance, **Samsara**, which I loved. It was more modern than the others and had a gorgeous bottle and crystal stopper. Relief! I am a mother-in-law today, and I like to buy my daughter-in-law fragrances from Burberry and Issey Miyaki, and whatever is new, hot, and happening!

### Q. Jennifer, what are some perfumes that you've had that you've loved?

**A:** One of my favorite perfumes is **Burberry Body**. I love everything about it. It is elegant and feminine, but it also has an edge to it. I even love the bottle. It was a gift from my mother-in-law. I always get compliments when I wear it! I will never forget the first time I wore it. My husband got one whiff and stopped and kissed me.

I also like **Versace Versence**, also gifted by my mother-in-law. This fragrance is sweet and earthy, casual but fun. I always have a bottle of **Kenzo Flower** around too. When I first smelled it, I instantly fell in love.

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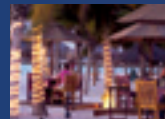
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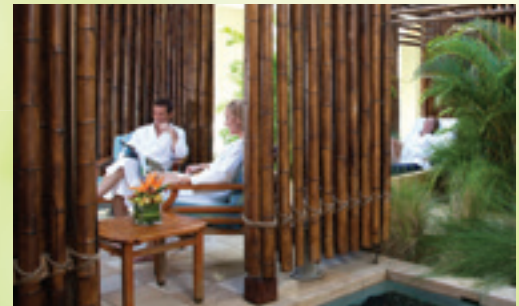


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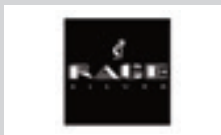
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# All in the Family

Photography by Steve Keith

I t's the 21st century, and mainstream pop culture and everything that goes along with it inevitably find their way to even the remotest places—including our small island tucked away in the far southern reaches of the Caribbean. Yes, the Golden Arches' mighty reign over fast food has led to a few arches at several island locales, along with a multitude of other chains, yet somehow Aruba has managed to hold onto a piece of

that "mom-and-pop" appeal.

I guess you could say that many of the moms and pops throughout the generations have entrenched family values and value in the family trade in the following generations here in Aruba. This steadfastness and dedication to tradition have not only kept many family businesses alive and thriving, but have also inked a permanent stamp that time, fortunately, has

not been able to wash away from the Island's culture.

Rona, Debbie, and I explore nine families—from artists and singers to restaurateurs and retailers—whose successes in carrying on trade and tradition make them only some of the many families worthy of recognition for their contributions to both business and culture on the Island.







## The Family by the Sea *The Bissliks of Zeerovers*

*Text by Tina Causey-Bislick*

The quiet fishing community of Savaneta is home to a rambunctious and fun-loving clan of Arubans who seem to spend most of their days on or in the water. Some people may be born with silver spoons in their mouths, but the Bissliks were surely born with fins on their feet and fishing poles in their hands. In fact, our local swimming complex in Savaneta was named after Roly Bisslik, a former Aruban Olympian and current swim coach. And it's his brother Iki (Eric) who parlayed the love of the sea into one of the most popular local hangouts on the Island.

Some 35 years ago, Iki took a vacant waterfront property in his hometown of Savaneta and built a humble docking area for his and a few fellow fishermen friends' boats, including an area to clean their fish. After a day at sea, those fishermen would gather to tell their fish tales over a few cold ones at the little makeshift marina known as Zeerovers. Little by little, more fishermen came to dock their boats and clean their fish, joined by family and friends who came by to admire the catches of the day over a beer or two, and buy the freshest of fresh fish to take home for dinner.

"It was only natural that with cold beers and fresh fish came the idea to cook some of it right here," explains Iki, referring to when Zeerovers began hosting the occasional fish fry for the community to enjoy. Word of mouth spread throughout the Island, and Zeerovers found itself becoming a full-fledged business by 1997.

Iki credits the support of his family for the continued growth of Zeerovers. Sisters Lola and Rose were by his side along the way, and to this day they can still be found behind the bar and running the register. Iki claims, "Family is everything—I wouldn't trust Zeerovers to anyone but my family." These days, you can find a slew of cousins and other family members pitching in—especially now that the kitchen serves baskets of fresh fish, shrimp, and local side dishes Tuesday through Sunday—and Iki's sons, Eric Jr. and Jean Pierre, jump into the mix when home from studying in Holland.

Despite the growing popularity of Zeerovers, Iki has resisted straying from his simple concept—local fishermen's colorfully painted boats still reside there; the day's harvest from the sea is still being cleaned in the pit right next to the unpretentious, no-frills dining area; and guaranteed to never change is a Bisslik on the premises, keeping watch over the family biz!





## The Aruban Songbirds

### *The Olarte/Van der Linde Family*

*Text by Tina Causey-Bislick*

Cesar Olarte is Aruba's only Grammy-winning artist (winning a Latin Grammy with Dominican artist Chichi Peralta in 2001) and performs here in Aruba at various venues for locals and tourists in addition to composing original recordings. Brother Carlos and sister Sherida are also professional singers on the Island, and together they are all part of a fifth generation of singers, inheriting the crown from songstress mother Yolanda van der Linde.

Cesar credits both his mother and grandfather, Supriano, for helping him and his siblings cultivate their singing chops at a very early age. "Music was an everyday part of our household growing up. I remember falling

asleep at night to the sounds of violins, guitars, trumpets, and the voices of my family," he recalls, "and when I was in kindergarten, my mother began working with me to develop my voice as an instrument."

At the root of the family's musical prowess is traditional Aruban folkloric and mariachi music. In fact, Cesar's great-grandfather was not only an accomplished violinist; he also crafted violins and guitars from Aruba's hardwood trees. Grandfather Supriano was a founding member of Mariachi Perla di Aruba, a mariachi band that has traveled the world entertaining crowds and to this day still performs. And Yolanda, who began performing





publicly at just seven years old and winning international awards for her voice (including the Mystical Voice Award in Mexico) as a young adult, joined up with a mariachi group based out of Holland that traveled extensively entertaining at many venues throughout Europe.

Yolanda feels her biggest achievement, however, is nurturing the gift of music in her children. "I am so proud of all three of them, and that they are able to continue the family tradition and share it with

the world is priceless," she says.

Footnote: Sadly, Supriano passed away a few months ago, but left a legacy not only as a respected musician and singer, but also as a much-loved man who inspired future generations of his family to keep the beat going on...

(Supriano pictured here being pinned by Aruba's governor on behalf of the queen of the Netherlands for his musical achievements, and also with Padu Lampe, composer of Aruba's national anthem.)



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## Fusing Art and Education *The Abaths of Terrafuse*

*Text by Debbie Kunder*

A common ground in education is what initially brought Ciro and Marian Abath together. They met at Colegio Arubano (Aruban High School) at the end of 1999, he a renowned local artist working as an art teacher, she a Dutch expat working as an education scientist for the Aruban Department of Education. Less than two years later, the couple married. It wasn't until 2005, when Marian decided to accompany Ciro to a glassblowing seminar in Istanbul, Turkey, and serendipitously discovered a love for glass, that the two also found common ground in art. With their passion for art now aligned, in 2008 the husband-and-wife duo launched Terrafuse, a non-profit organization that promotes glass art, ceramic art, and other art forms on Aruba.

Terrafuse is located at Ciro and Marian's property along the road to Alto Vista. Behind their quaint cunucu house are three studios, all centered around a cozy garden where a flock of beautiful wild chickens have taken up residence. Ciro and Marian appreciate







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the special spot they have created and enjoy sharing it with the community, which is encouraged to participate in glassblowing, beadmaking, and ceramics workshops on the grounds.

The couple's experience of working together at Terrafuse is summed up succinctly by Marian as "one and one make three." Their work together is not simply a sum of their individual parts. Sharing a passion for art, they motivate one another, so the result of working together is something greater.

Their shared background in education (Ciro now retired from teaching after 31 years and Marian still working for the Department of Education) is unsurprisingly at the forefront at Terrafuse, where there exists a strong element of promoting art among youth. In fact, Marian founded a special initiative supported by Terrafuse and the Aruban government wherein local youth between the ages of 14 and 25 can attend a 12-week beadmaking workshop at a highly reduced cost.

Marian believes that working at home with Ciro is one of the best things they can share with their daughter, Effi. In doing so, they show her that work does not just have to be an income—it can also be a passion. Whether carrying on the foundation will be Effi's passion or not, she is indeed behind the blowtorch already.





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## Aruba's Dancing Divas *Diana and her Daughters of Skol di Baile*

*Text by Debbie Kunder*

If you've ever doubted the existence of a dancing gene, here's a family that would make you think again. Its story begins with one of Aruba's most renowned dancers, Diana Antonette, who has been teaching dance on Aruba since 1968. In addition to many other dance endeavors, she opened her own dance school, Skol di Baile Diana Antonette, in September 1996, and since 2003, she has taught dance at Colegio Arubano. Her work in bringing Aruban folk dance to both local and international stages over the years with her dance group, Teatro di Dansa Arubano, has made her one of Aruba's most celebrated cultural icons.

This year, Diana is celebrating 45 years of teaching dance on Aruba. During many of those years, Diana's daughters, Alydia and Pierangely Wever, were growing up in the dance studio right alongside her. And so while both girls were exposed to all the arts growing up—Diana always signing them up for classes in theater, music, visual arts, etc.—it's no surprise, really, that they both ultimately decided to follow in their mother's dance steps.

After completing an independent study at the







Alvin Ailey Dance School in New York City in 2004, Alydia returned to Aruba to give classes at her mother's studio as well as work on her own projects, including *One in Soul* in 2008 and the highly acclaimed *Mube Frida* in 2011. Meanwhile, Pierangely also went the dance route. From 2002 to 2006, she studied in Holland at Fontys Dance Academy, and then, like her sister, she returned to Aruba to teach at Skol di Baile. Upon her return, she also started her own dance group, 4U2 Dance, and began teaching dance at Colegio Arubano, where she still teaches today. Both she and her mother also give dance classes at Skol di Arte in San Nicolas.

All three women continue to give classes at Skol di Baile. They are all leaders in their own ways, so working together can sometimes be challenging. Overall, though, they make an excellent team, supporting each other, inspiring each other, performing together, and, in Alydia's words, "creating beautiful things together." They also grow together, with Alydia and Pierangely jointly attending dance classes in New York City periodically in order to further their own training. And because of the different interests they bring to the dance floor—Alydia bringing modern dance, Pierangely bringing hip hop and street dance, and Diana bringing pretty much all styles—the school offers a unique mix to the community.

Diana and her daughters are currently preparing for their next big production to take place on the International Day of Dance (April 29). The production will double as a celebration of the 30th anniversary of the founding of Teatro di Dansa Arubano. Meanwhile, the three are also preparing a show (which will premiere May 31) to celebrate Diana's 45 years of teaching dance on Aruba.



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## A Family Tradition in Fine Dining *The Ellises of Papiamentu*

Text by Debbie Kunder

Now here's a local family business that has won the hearts (and taste buds) of both locals and island visitors alike. Papiamentu was founded by Eduard and Lenie Ellis in 1983 in downtown Oranjestad across from the Town Hall on Wilhelminastraat. A pioneer, Eduard attended hotel school in Holland and became the first Aruban involved in food and beverage here.

After eight years at their downtown location, Eduard and Lenie relocated the restaurant to their family home in Noord. For a time, Eduard, Lenie, and their four kids continued to live in the 126-year-old country manor while serving guests. Today, though, the property is solely devoted to the restaurant, with Eduard and Lenie living in a home next door and one of their sons, Eduardo, living in a home just across the street.

Although the whole family has at one point or another been involved in the restaurant, only Eduard, Lenie, and Eduardo are actively involved today. Lenie, who will always consider the manor her home, still plays a major role in the décor. Eduard, well, he can usually be found smoking his cigar at the bar or greeting guests. The two also work together to maintain the upkeep of the manor. Eduardo, who has been cooking since he was 14, is the manager of daily operations, and like his mother, he feels as







though every day he goes to work, he is coming back home.

And what a cozy home it is. Even as Papiamento has grown over the years with additions including another kitchen, a wine cellar, and a bar, the rustic colonial charm has seamlessly been kept intact. Of course, the restaurant's growth has also necessitated a bigger staff, but the family tradition has not been lost either. Eduardo explains that Papiamento's staff is like one big family, with some of the members working at the restaurant for 10, 20, even 25-plus years. One fellow in particular has worked for the Ellis family for 48 years!

Eduardo himself has been working for the family business on Aruba for 24 years. When asked if he still enjoys it, he claims to love his work. If you could see the contentment in his eyes as he looks over the garden terrace filled with jovial diners and greets longtime family friends who have come to spend a delightful evening in his childhood home, you'd believe him.



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## The Belles of a Beauty Empire *Maggy's Aruba Spans Three Generations*

*Text by Debbie Kunder*

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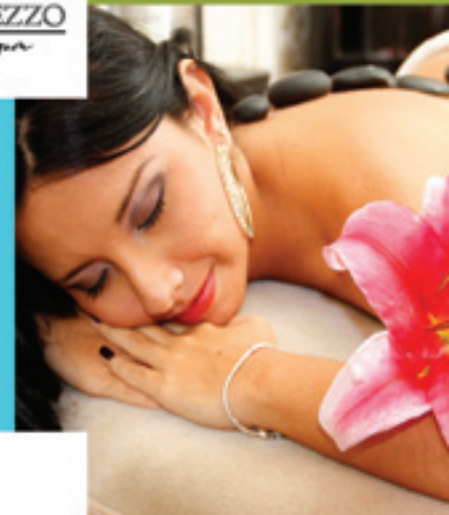


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shop as a little girl. Already at age six, she was helping out after school with the towel washing and other manageable duties. By age seven, she had accompanied her mother to beauty shows in New York City. It was only natural that she would become part of her mother's business, which she eventually took over in the '80s.

Just as Audrey helped out at the family business as a young girl, so did her own daughters, Sheelah and Shamila. Sheelah recalls walking to the Main Street store after school to handwrite price tags for merchandise. Shamila fondly remembers making her very first sale at about the age of seven. In 2002, all grown up and with degrees under their belts, Sheelah and Shamila officially joined the family business. While Audrey serves today as the executive director, Sheelah serves as managing director and Shamila as head of operations and purchasing.

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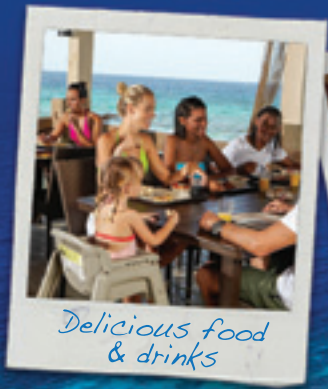
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*Text by Rona Coster*

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Harold, the patriarch, blessed with a visionary mind and forward thinking, set the course. Under his leadership the company grew from just 6 employees to 270 staff members. He also significantly expanded the company's transportation division to include not just deluxe Volvo buses for airport shuttling and sightseeing, but also Land Rovers and Jeep Wranglers, extending the company's mix of activities and diversifying guest experiences here.

Ricky, Harold's only son and the eldest sibling, joined the company in 1982 after graduating from the University of Villanueva in Miami, Florida, with a bachelor's degree in business management. His sister Lisette stayed in Florida for two years in order to gain some U.S. work experience and joined her brother in 1984, having graduated from Villanueva with a similar degree.

As expected, these two from the younger generation—chips off the old block—have since contributed substantially to the growth of the



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company, introducing novel and exciting ideas in the spirit of their time.

They work together well as board members, also relying greatly on Warren Stanley, the company's general manager, who oversees the day-to-day interests with the support of a professional management team. In recent years, while maintaining her position as shareholder, board member, and strategic planner, Lisette was also able to pursue her other passion as the founder and president of Kingdom Leadership Institute and a senior pastor for the New Life Tabernacle.

It did not come as a surprise when last year, after 42 outstanding years as CEO and chairman of the board, Harold announced his retirement. He still weighs in, though, when his quiet voice of experience is required. The presidency and the CEO position went to Ricky for a smooth and natural succession, maintaining the company's commitment to high levels of service, environmental stewardship, performance excellence, and family values, which have earned De Palm Tours utmost respect within the Aruban hospitality industry as well as the international travel community.



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## And the Beat Goes on...

### *The Camacho Family*

*Text by Tina Causey-Bislick*

*Photography by Kenny Theysen*

Music styles and tastes may change from generation to generation, but for musicians the passion is steadfast. Many families on Aruba pass this passion through the family lineage, gathering on special occasions and holidays to play together, but few are able to parlay their musical pedigree into lifelong professions. Father-son duo Victor and Daniel Camacho are a fortunate two that have done just that.

The key to musical success seems to lie in weaving it into the fabric of the family and introducing it to the next generation at a young age. “My father played the guitar and cuarta (four-string guitar) and was also a very good singer...and there was always a piano in the home. I was five years old when I got my first piano lesson from my sister Rina, who was fifteen at the time,” says Victor. He, along with his sister Meda and brother Rafie, formed the Camachos Trio, performing at local

radio stations in the ‘60s. But it was Victor’s uncanny ability to memorize a song after playing it just once on the piano that made everyone realize he had a special gift.

Inspired by his father—as well as popular local musicians and composers Rufo Wever and Padu Lampe (composers of Aruba’s national anthem) and fellow pianists Sony Yearwood and Mario Bislick, all of whom also became great friends and supporters—Victor supplemented his day job as a lab tech by playing evenings with a local band entertaining tourists and locals at the Sheraton (now RIU) back in 1971, and later with Mario Bislick in Sound of Class Orchestra at the then Wyndham (now Westin). To this day, he continues to perform professionally at the RIU Palace Resort on Palm Beach, and also participates in local concerts at Cas di Cultura, in





addition to joining up with musician buddies from a former '60s beat band, The Strangers, to play at local parties. Victor's piano skills go beyond playing—he is a renowned piano tuner with a workshop at home where he rebuilds, repairs, and refinishes pianos.

Victor's legacy also continues on with his son Daniel, a professional drummer living and working in Amsterdam, playing fulltime for popular regional bands including Kenny Bogan, Fellow, Alpha Wave, Kings of the Bongo, and individual artists like Janice Williams, Michael Strobel, and Lamar Chase.

Although Daniel's heart beats for the drums, tickling the ivories is what introduced Daniel to the Camacho family's musical way of life. "There was a piano in the house for as long as I can remember," shares Daniel, "and then I moved on to the guitar and bass. When I was 11 years old, my uncle ordered a set of drums for my cousin, but two sets were accidentally shipped. From then on it was all about the drums." A year later Daniel had the opportunity to attend a drum camp in New Orleans, where he realized this is what he wanted to do for the rest of his life. His father explains, "As a musician I recognized right away

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that Daniel had the natural inclination and ear for rhythm and percussion, so we encouraged that with lessons from the Rufo Wever Music School.”

Daniel went on to study at the ArtEZ School of Music in Arnhem, Netherlands, in addition to studying with renowned European drummers. “My favorite genre is rock, but I also enjoy playing soul, funk, and the blues,” he adds.

For now, Daniel is content honing his craft by being based in Amsterdam, preferring not to lock himself into one band, but expressing himself musically with several different groups and touring throughout Europe. “One day I will return to Aruba, but for now I want to experience as much as I can musically with different international artists,” he explains.

Daniel admits that after all these years, his dad is still his biggest inspiration, saying, “Growing up and seeing him play with so much passion and feeling for his instrument is the best lesson I have ever had and the best gift he could have ever given me!”



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## In the Swim of Things

### *The Oude Avenhuis Family of Aqua Windie's*

*Text by Debbie Kunder*

It could well be argued that Aqua Windie's story began years ago when Windie, at age 13, her parents, siblings, and the family's two German shepherds hopped on a boat built by Windie's dad and made their way across the Atlantic from Holland to their new home, Aruba.

On Aruba, Windie helped her dad run Blue Melody Tours, which operated sailing and snorkeling tours in the beautiful reef-filled waters surrounding the Island. During these years, she fell in love with diving. In 1983, she fell in love again, this time with Rene Oude Avenhuis, who had moved to

Aruba in 1981 to work as a nurse at the local hospital.

Rene and Windie's shared fascination with water, particularly in what lies below, led to the opening of their diving school, based out of their home in Paradera, in 1984. In 1998, they opened a small shop, which moved one year later to the Palm Beach area. In 2007, the family business moved once again to its current location in Punto Brabo.

As explained by Rene, the couple's foray into the diving business was basically a hobby that grew out of hand. And grown it has. In addition to its beautiful two-story shop, the Aqua Windie's complex

offers an incredibly comprehensive menu of activities, including scuba diving, snorkeling tours, summer camps, indoor gym classes, swimming lessons, aqua fitness, pool rehabilitation, and lap swimming. (You could say there's something for the whole family, from swimming lessons for babies to pool-rehab sessions for the elderly.)


The grounds are welcoming, well maintained, and well staffed. Windie manages the whole operation and serves as the "peacekeeper," while Rene keeps everyone on their toes and always has a project in the works. Their sons, who were already





entertaining guests by the age of eight, are also involved in the family business. Sjoerd is a diving instructor, works in the shop, and enjoys undertaking landscaping projects on the premises. Roel, who currently lives in Holland, pitches in wherever he's needed whenever he's on the Island. But the Aqua Windie's family extends well beyond the Oude Avenhues. More than 30 employees keep the business running smoothly, and it's a priority for the Oude Avenhues that their staff feels happy and at home at Aqua Windie's.

It's a priority that extends to their clients as well. And indeed, one does feel happy and at home at Windie's, with its laid-back sitting areas, tropical landscaping, friendly staff, and easy vibe. Diving groups are kept small, no more than six at a time, so instructors KNOW the guests. You're not just a number here. You're family.

Where's the business headed next? They plan to expand, of course. Windie explains, "We've got a lot going on, but there's more to come!" 



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# Have Fork, Will Explore

## A taste of Surinam at Yanti Café

Text by Tina Causey-Bislick  
Photography by Steve Keith

**A**s a Southern gal, my fork is like a magnet to simple, satisfying comfort food. A solid serving of meat and potatoes or rice with a side of vegetables generously and unceremoniously plated up and served with love will please me any day of the week. While the craft of elaborate presentations arranged on a plate is much appreciated for its artistic and visual appeal, my taste buds and stomach know that culinary beauty is more than skin-deep. Which is why I often gravitate to mom-and-pop establishments such as my latest find, Yanti Café, serving traditional Surinamese cuisine.

Yanti, formerly located off the boulevard on the way to the airport, reopened at L.G. Smith Boulevard 122, just before the low-rise/Eagle Beach area, this past November. On my first visit, I recognized that the restaurant's ambiance is still a work in progress, but thanks to imported woodcarvings of geckos, iguanas, and a particularly interesting herd of giraffes that instantly captured my attention as I grazed on my meal under their watchful eyes, it won't be long before the place exudes a unique vibe.

Yanti is owned by Surinamese couple Arnold and Ria Tasemita, whose family recipes from back







home encourage exploration of the former Dutch colony that brought East Indian and Indonesian laborers to work on its plantations, these laborers bringing with them their family dishes tweaked to accommodate local ingredients and meld with European dishes to form Surinam's cuisine of today.

Pondering the menu written mostly in Dutch, I decided that on the top of my list to taste was their roti—perhaps the most well-known Surinamese staple. Put simply, roti is a grilled flatbread of sorts, and the wrap version, popular in today's grab-and-go world, is a top seller. And my hankering for comfort food is easily satiated with one of the bami (noodle) or nasi (rice) dishes, which speak to the influence the Chinese and Japanese immigrants had on Surinamese food throughout the years. As for the meat, don't expect to find beef or pork on the menu—it's all about the chicken. The chicken sate is my favorite. Sate refers to skewered meat served with a peanut sauce (the fries come with





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that yummy, rich sauce, too), and it can be found in many restaurants on the Island, but I have to vote for Yanti's version as one of the best.

And just as they should be at a good mom-and-pop establishment, the prices are extremely affordable, with amply portioned main dishes ranging from Afl. 12.50 (a little over \$7) to Afl. 19.50 (a little over \$11). Also reasonably priced are the woodcarvings for sale right off the walls and countertops. And that herd of giraffes eyeing me throughout my dinner? They now reside in my living room. 🦒







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# An Island Odyssey through Education

Text by Susanne von Saalfeld  
Photography by Steve Keith

**N**ext February I will have lived on Aruba for ten years. I'm not much of an anniversary-marking type, but getting into the double digits in my life on Aruba feels like a momentous occasion. I can't help but recognize, though, that woven inextricably into my ten years of life on the Island has been my odyssey through education. It is what first brought me to the Island

and what has caused deep roots to flourish.

That, and also, I met a handsome Aruban man when I lived in the United States who didn't need to say much to convince me to move here with him.

I arrived a few months after graduating from college, where I trained to be a K-12 Spanish teacher. Eager to hop on the international-school circuit, where teaching and traveling blend

romantically, I thought I'd experience life on Aruba for a few years and then move on to add a new pin to the world map on the wall. New Zealand? India?

The story of my first months in Aruba is like a comedy of errors. I was hired to take someone's position at a school, but as happens to many, at the last moment the person decided she was not ready to leave paradise. So I was suddenly not







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just an expat, but an expat of the unemployed kind. This led to my first improvised vocation in Aruba as a substitute teacher and seaglass-jewelry maker. Although a career in recycled bijouterie was tempting, it didn't last very long.

During my brief substitute-teaching stint, I mysteriously wound up in a classroom of three- to six-year-olds that changed my entire perspective on teaching. Up to that point, I had been an undiluted product of traditional teaching methods: There is a teacher in the front of the group, a chalkboard behind her. Teacher explains, children learn.

However, in the classroom I was asked to assist in on that fateful day, the teacher was sitting in a small stool on one side of the room, and the children were all going about different activities independently of her. Here was one child washing a small table, here another building a cube out of blocks, and here another child building words with a miniature alphabet. "What is this sorcery?" I thought. "Who is controlling the children?" It was my introduction to Montessori education.

When I become interested in something, I imagine that my mind becomes like one of the cheetahs you see in nature videos. I have only one objective—to hunt down that interest and consume it. The process of hunting down and devouring Montessori education took me to Oregon, Sweden, and Maryland, where I guzzled two teaching certificates and a masters degree. All of this preparation could be taken over the summer months, which allowed me to get my foot further in the door of that Montessori classroom in Aruba and eventually be hired to teach there.

What made Montessori education so fascinating to me was the fact that it's completely based on following a child's individual journey through the stages of development. Instead of serving a pre-prepared standardized curriculum, Montessori takes into account children's innate curiosity, their natural surroundings, and their individual personalities and interests. Instead of directing the children, the role of the teacher is that of a facilitator to the children as they make their own discoveries. Her job is to open the road to more interests, to connect them to the environment, and to remove the obstacles to learning. No need for cajoling, punishing, or rewarding. Montessori is about inspiration, not about control. The children I had seen in the first classroom I substituted in







were not controlled by anyone, and that's exactly why they were working so joyously.

I fell in love with Montessori. It was only a matter of time before I felt my interest had outgrown the classroom I was working in. I needed to start a dedicated school for Montessori education in Aruba. That was the birth of Beautiful Sun Montessori School.

In 2007 the school opened its doors to children ages three to six. "Why only preschool?" people would ask. Maria Montessori, the founder of the method, believed that the first six years of life are the most fertile years of human education. During those years, the human brain is in a process of formation. Whatever is given to a child in that crucial period becomes the very foundation of their personality. Since children are born with something like 200 billion neurons, their potential is unbounded, but with each passing year, the number of neurons dwindles. In that first stage of life, Montessori would say, "Give them the world."

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zoology, music, art history, geography, language, and mathematics. The subjects are associated with the children's environment—nature in Aruba—so what they learn is immediately relevant to them; it's the world just outside their doors! All the lessons involve using the senses—the most important learning tools for children of that age—which makes learning concrete and understandable to them. Because of the ease with which they learn languages in this period of life, the school is multilingual. Each of the teachers speaks a different language—English, Dutch, or Papiamentu—with the students.

With its warm climate and friendly breeze, Aruba makes teaching a pleasure. We have our windows and doors open to our garden year-round. The children spend a lot of time outside in the sand,

under shady trees, observing birds at our feeders and butterflies laying eggs in our milkweed garden. There is space to run in, trees to climb, rocks to jump off of, and a little wooden house to hide in when a ten-second squall passes by.

The school reflects the Island's diverse population. I get to work every day with families whose cultures are vastly dissimilar but who all share the common purpose of giving their children the chance to experience education happily and respectfully. Adults participate actively in the dialogue about their own learning process as parents and teachers through classroom observations, conferences, school events and outings, and book-club meetings. We all recognize that we are “in process” as much as the children are.

Aruba has grown on me as the years have passed.

The traveling bug never left me, and I've visited many countries since moving here, but I notice the depth of my sigh when the plane is landing at Reina Beatrix—a sigh of gratefulness for my return to the blue water and the tranquility of my home.

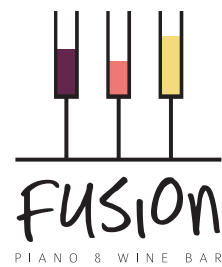
Ten years have gone by and I'm still here. “Ten years of lying under a cabana drinking piña coladas” is what my friends imagine, not knowing life here is not impermeable to regular work hours and obligations.

I've never particularly liked the word “expat.” However, when I looked it up in the dictionary, I found the phrase “voluntarily absent from home or country.” I realize I voluntarily left my country, but I ended up at home.

And that handsome man I met in college, he and I are still together too. ¶¶







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# SUP, Brah?

Text by Debbie Kunder  
Photography by Steve Keith

**P**ut a board in the water, and—shaka, brah!—you have any number of fun sports to choose from. Got waves that seem perfect for shredding? Then get stoked and go surfing or bodyboarding. Got a boat? Try out some wakeboarding. Aruba's northeast trade winds

are steadily sweeping across the Island? Go rig up a windsurf board and slash across the glassy water at the Fishermen's Huts. Looking to reach greater heights? Then rig up a kite instead and go kitesurfing. No wind but looking to putter around in the water, maybe see a few underwater critters,



and get a bit of exercise? Give SUP a try, brah!

SUP, which stands for stand-up paddleboarding, is an ancient form of surfing from Hawaii. It was revived in the '60s when surf instructors in Hawaii would stand upright on their surfboards and use canoe paddles to get themselves in good position to take photos of their students. About ten years ago, professional surfers started using the technique to train. In the past few years, SUP has spread beyond surfers and now everybody is getting on board.

Aruba Active Vacations (AAV), owned by local Wim Eelens, is one of a handful of watersport operators on Aruba offering SUP. Wim explained why the sport is gaining popularity so quickly.

### You can do it anywhere

SUP essentially entails standing up on an oversize surfboard and pulling (or in SUP lingo, "sweeping") yourself forward with a long single-ended paddle. Although SUP has its roots in the waves, the fact

that you are propelling yourself makes the sport suitable for any water setting. In fact, SUP is now most widely enjoyed on flat water, including lakes, rivers, and calm seas. While some of Aruba's locals and island guests do SUP in the waves, most of AAV's clients take their rented paddleboards out in the expanse of flat water at the Fishermen's Huts.

### It's super easy to learn

Even kitesurfing, which is touted for its short learning curve, requires an investment of a few days. With SUP, you need as little as five minutes of instruction before you are paddling out on the water. Really, it's as simple as that!

### No wind? No problem!

SUP is an excellent alternative activity when the wind is too light for windsurfing or kitesurfing. In fact, if you're a SUP novice, it's advisable to do SUP when there is little to no wind. (I found this

out the hard way. I chose to take a spin on one of AAV's boards on a rather windy day, thinking I could handle it without a problem. Before I knew it, I was much farther out than I had intended and had to work pretty hard to get back to shore. On the other hand, it was great exercise, which leads to the next point...)

### SUP is an excellent workout

People are increasingly looking to get exercise through fun activities, and SUP is certainly one way to go. It's a low-impact, full-body, cardiovascular workout that improves balance and coordination while strengthening the shoulders, arms, hands, thighs, and core muscles of the stomach and back.

### Everyone can do it

People of all ages and athletic abilities can enjoy SUP. (People who are not fit, however, should be aware that on a windy day, battling the wind





## EXTREME TEMPTATIONS

to make it back to shore can prove difficult.) It's certainly something the whole family can enjoy. Or perhaps mom and dad want to take a spin on a paddleboard while the kids try out windsurfing.

### SUP calms the mind

Wim explained how SUP can be a Zen-like experience. It's peaceful to be out on the water, quietly paddling along and observing the "aquarium" below, perhaps catching a glimpse of a starfish, maybe even a sea turtle. Being out on the water also affords a beautiful view of the Malmok shoreline and its towering palms from a different perspective.

If you'd like to take a paddleboard out for an hour or two, AAV offers rentals, which include the board, paddle, and booties. AAV also offers two different SUP tours: one explores the hotel area, while the other explores the Malmok beaches. A customized day trip of SUP and snorkeling is also available.

For more information and rates, call +297-586-0989 or +297-741-2991 (cell), visit [www.aruba-active-vacations.com](http://www.aruba-active-vacations.com), or visit Aruba Active Vacations on Facebook. 📱

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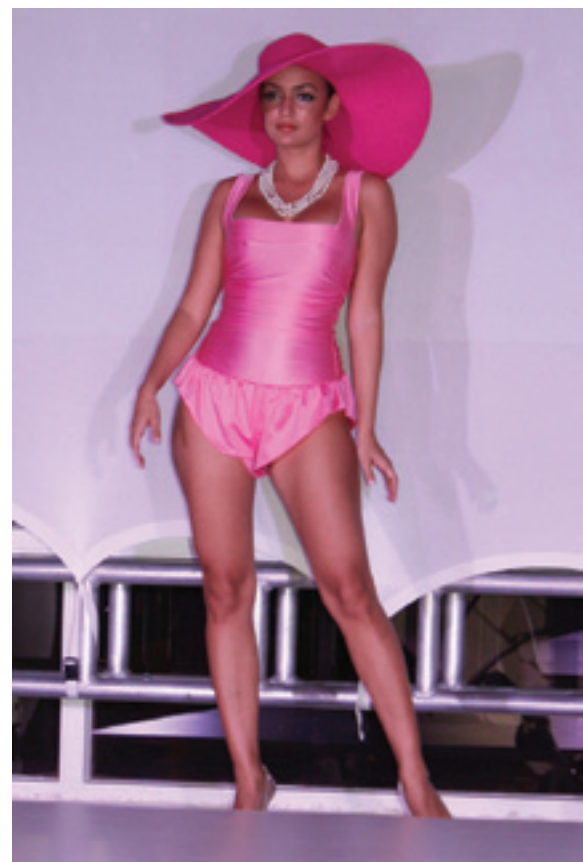
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# Eva Boutique marks 50 years



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ne of the Island's original retailers, Eva Boutique, marked 50 years in service this past December. Eva Boutique was the brainchild of Winnie Ponson (featured in our Fall-Winter 2012/13 edition), who sadly passed away in October. The event was both a celebration of Eva Boutique's success as a leading apparel retailer on the Island since opening the first location in 1962 as well as a celebration of Winnie's life.

As heartbreaking as it was to not have her there, son Anthony, daughter Hilda, and daughter-in-law Liza knew that Winnie would insist the show must go on and that her loyal employees should know that without them Eva Boutique would not be the success





it is today.

The highlight of the event was a fashion show featuring Eva Boutique's flagship brand, Gottex, with new collections as well as vintage items from the Gottex museum in Israel. The New Year, as well as the new era of Eva Boutique, was welcomed with the lighting of a traditional pagara (a long string of firecrackers lit to bring good luck for the coming year) and a traditional New Year's Dande band. ¶





## Westin refreshes ballrooms

The Westin Resort & Casino, Aruba, is the Island's only resort boasting two ballrooms. Recently both the Caribbean Ballroom and the Grand Caribbean Ballroom received refreshing makeovers, including new carpeting, to harmonize with the color palates and design schematic of Westin Hotels.



## Tuscany Residence opens model condo on site

A landmark in the life of Tuscany Residence was celebrated recently when the sales gallery moved from its temporary location at the South Beach Centre to the actual site in the Noord area, one of the Island's most sought-after neighborhoods, just across from the Ritz Carlton site.

The new residential project brings luxury island living to a new level. Within the walls of the residence, 78 comfortable condominiums, 65 interconnected villas, and 10 detached villas are being built. The buildings vary greatly in layout, as the project offers no less than 24 different models to choose from.

Beautiful Italian architecture combined with tropical landscaping will create a pleasant Mediterranean atmosphere in the residence, located just 600 meters from the beach. Upscale European Alno kitchens and Banjolux bathrooms will carry that luxurious theme into the interiors.

The project is currently fully fenced, and two model houses are completed, with all infrastructures for utilities in place and the terrain parceled and marked. Visit the model condo any day of the week—call for an appointment and free pick-up, or ask your favorite broker to help get you there.





## Colombia

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**A**ruba's proximity to neighboring islands like Curacao and Bonaire makes island-hopping a breeze, and now Avianca Airlines makes it a hop, skip, and a jump away to the intriguing coffee region of Colombia. Just a one-hour trip to Bogota on Avianca's daily flight out of Aruba allows travelers to experience a whole new world of lush landscapes kissed by a variety of climates. Travelers can also enjoy connections to Baranquilla, Bucaramanga, Cali, Cartagena, and Medellin, cities that offer modern infrastructures while making use of their natural resources and keeping in touch with their cultures and traditions.

Colombia's famed coffee triangle, a UNESCO World Heritage Landscape, is an unforgettable experience and an enchanting opportunity to enjoy a harmonious blend of history, gastronomy, and the world's best coffee grown by experts harnessing the benefits of high mountains, vast fields, crystalline waterfalls, and fertile soil to produce a perfect-tasting coffee bean. Indulge your sense of adventure and stay at a real coffee-growing hacienda, or visit Panaca and the Coffee Theme Park to witness the coffee-making process in a verdant setting with rustic farmhouses dotting the countryside.

Avianca Airlines, named the best airline in Central America and the Caribbean four years in a row, flies passengers in the comfort of its new fleet of Airbus 320s, each with a capacity of 150 passengers.

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## Hyatt introduces new restaurant concepts



*Mexicado*



The Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa unveiled two exciting restaurant upgrades in January. In continuation of the resort's multi-million-dollar refurbishments initially completed in 2008, Hyatt Regency Aruba welcomed an upscale Mexican restaurant, Mexicado, and a refurbished Ruínas del Mar, its signature restaurant.

Mexicado features a menu of bold flavors, mouthwatering classics, and signature libations. Its ingredient-driven menu of freshly made guacamole, refreshing ceviches, and authentic Mexican cuisine is served with a contemporary twist. A glowing bar displays an extensive tequila selection highlighted by handcrafted signature tequila cocktails and unique tequila flights offering shots of premium tequilas.

Adjacent to the new restaurant lies the redesigned Ruínas del Mar. An open-hearth oven fills the dining room with a sense of warmth and invites guests to partake in the action and energy of the kitchen. Abundant outdoor seating gives guests the opportunity to dine amidst the waterfalls and wildlife, while vibrant draperies and hand-blown glass chandeliers create a dramatic ambiance at night. Menu highlights include lobster and crab cakes, cigar-box cedar salmon fillet, grilled beef tenderloin with spinach and ricotta gnocchi, and a saffron-infused shellfish and brown rice paella. Ruínas del Mar also continues with its famous Sunday brunch, served with bottomless flutes of champagne.





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# Sculpture Garden unveiled at our Queen Beatrix International Airport

**A**ruba boasts one of the most modern and efficient airport facilities in the Caribbean, but technicalities aside, it's the infusion of local art that travelers are enjoying. Aruba's minister of economic & social affairs and culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar, and the minister of tourism, transportation, and labour, Otmar Oduber, along with the Aruba Airport Authority, have endeavored to incorporate Aruban art and culture into the facility to create authentic experiences and encourage a feeling of warmth and welcome.

Seven local artists were commissioned for the new Sculpture Garden, unveiled this past November. Their works of art are surrounded by the lushly landscaped tropical garden in the area leading to the departure gates.



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## Sand at Brickell Bay Beach Club opens



It's toes-in-the-sand relaxation away from the beach! Sand, which opened last month at Brickell Bay Beach Club in the heart of Palm Beach, is an all-day hub of activities with two professional beach-tennis courts, a lounge area, an oversize bar with multiple flat-screen TVs, gourmet all-day dining, and an extensive list of exotic cocktails and wine.

While during the day Sand entertains partygoers in swimsuits and resort wear, at night the lounge takes on a magical allure and ambiance with state-of-the-art LED lighting, transforming into a hot and happening club starring international entertainers and musicians.



## Couples say “I do” to **Screaming Eagle**



**M**any couples dream of a wedding on one of Aruba's beaches, and now one of Aruba's premier restaurants, Screaming Eagle, lures brides and grooms to a reception locale offering contemporary style and cuisine for the chicest of events. The restaurant's South Beach-esque environs combined with award-winning cuisine delivered in artful presentations allow for a unique event to unfold into a most memorable occasion.

A modern interior opens onto an alfresco terrace with views of nearby Eagle Beach, offering many options for receptions, rehearsal dinners, luncheons, and brunches. Menus are customized to suit a variety of occasions.



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## Tropic Cas relocates to spacious digs

The co-owners of Tropic Cas, Mary Perez and Esther Erasmus Perez, are proud of their new location at Schotlandstraat #85 (it's just a few blocks up from the former location). In rapid time, Tropic Cas has become the go-to place for furnishing the residences of Aruba's growing vacation-home market as well as residences within the local market, introducing homeowners to the quality lines of Natuzzi, Klaussner, Sitcom Universal, and Casana—all expertly displayed and coordinated for easy browsing. Particularly popular are the island-influenced designs of Wicker & Rattan by Tribor and Lea Youth Specialists.

Mary and Esther love to entertain—it just seems to naturally go hand-in-hand with home décor—and on Friday afternoon, customers can browse and enjoy snacks and wine simultaneously!





# Aruba chosen for first **Juan Valdez Café** in the Caribbean

**C**offee lovers, take note! Juan Valdez recently opened two concept cafés, the first in the low-rise hotel area at Divi's Alhambra Casino & Shops and the second in the high-rise area at the Village Mall on Palm Beach. The brand has been serving 100% Colombian coffee grown and harvested by Colombian farmers since 1959. While the Juan Valdez character and his mule, Conchita, are fictional, they do deliver the message that this is the real deal, not blended with coffee beans from other countries.



  
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## Regional artists highlight the new L'America Gallery

**L**'America Gallery, located behind Certified Mega Mall, features a varied selection of regional and Aruban artwork, sculptures, paintings, and art objects, showcasing the abundant talent of Central and South American artists as well as well-established local artists such as Elisa Lejuez, Grace Ashruf Rahusen, and Elvis Tromp.

The gallery is housed in a beautiful space comprising a series of large and small rooms, featuring works in all sizes and in a variety of styles—from naïve to impressionist, expressionist to minimalist. The gallery also hangs a number of icons and religious works of exceptional beauty and detail. In addition to art, the gallery also offers framing services by an in-house framer. Knowledgeable Conny Kiers is at the helm, ready to share any information with clients who saunter in for a look. L'America Gallery Art & Framing Specialist is open Monday to Friday from 8 am to 5 pm, on Italianstraat 24-A, suite 3.

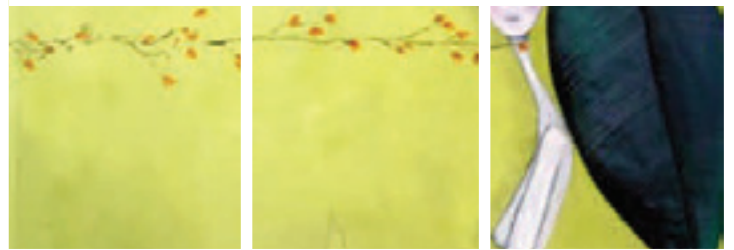
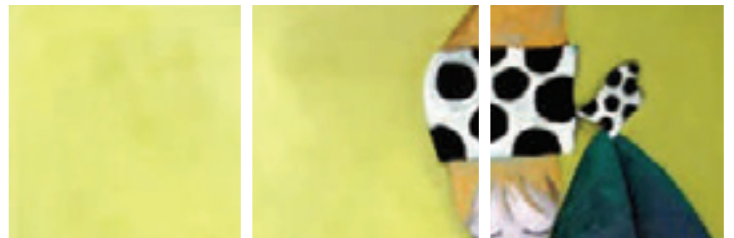
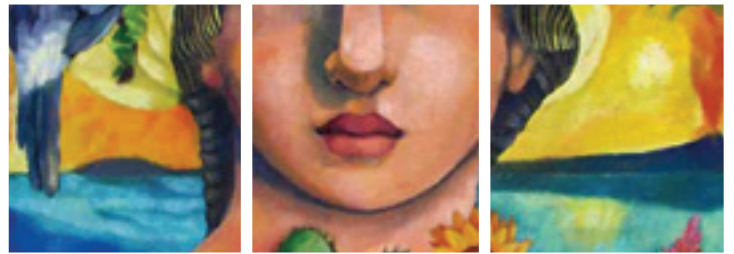






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# Cartier's newest Tank watch collection debuts on Aruba



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ery often, the men and women who enter a Cartier Boutique are customers who admire the jewelry, accessories, and extraordinary watches created by the jeweler; they are the faithful, who love to linger over the pieces, almost worshipping them as icons. The chief characteristic of an icon is its "canonicity," or faithfulness to the original image. This allows each reproduction to be simultaneously new and classic, immediately recognizable.

By this criterion, the Tank can be considered a truly iconic watch, one that evolved to reflect—and often anticipate—major changes in the spirit of the times. Its recognizable shape has since been developed further by master craftsmen without losing its essential character.

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On the following pages, a selection of our favorite restaurants & menus



# Menu Temptations

## MEXICADO



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### Start your meal off with...

#### QUESO FUNDIDO CON CHORIZO

Melted cheese, crumbled chorizo, flour tortillas

#### BORRACHO SHRIMP SALAD

Avocado filled with shrimp, chipotle cocktail sauce with tequila

#### EMPANADAS DE CARNE

Corn pastries filled with marinated beef, black beans and salsa roja

#### CEVICHE

Colima Ceviche, Ceviche de Camarones al Tamarindo, Alcachofas y Zetas Ceviche

### Main Attractions

#### CASUELA A LA VERACRUZANA

Red snapper fillet in banana leaves braised Veracruz style with tomato, capers, olives, bell peppers and herbs

#### MOLE DE OLLA

Traditional beef stew with seasonal vegetables and epazote

#### CHICKEN ENCHILADAS

Rolled tortillas with shredded chicken, queso blanco, red sauce, sour cream and charro beans

#### FAJITAS DE CAMARON

Tequila shrimp with Poblano chile, cilantro, onions, peppers and pico de gallo

#### DORADO TACOS

Pan seared Mahi, chipotle mayonnaise, avocado, cabbage and blue corn tortilla

### Desserts

#### PASTEL TRES LECHES

Sponge cake soaked with sweetened milk

#### CHURROS

Mexican cruller with chocolate sauce

### and much more...

All prices are in U.S. dollars. A 15% service charge + 1.5% local tax will be added to your bill. Prices and menu items are subject to change without notice

### Dining Information

#### HOURS

Dinner daily except Mondays, 6pm-10:30pm

#### RESERVATIONS

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their renowned grilled entrees with your choice of beef, fish, fresh seafood and more. Finish a delightful evening with a tempting dessert and your favorite cocktail or wine from the hotel's extensive selection.

### Start your meal off with...

#### First Steps

##### BEEF PINCHOS WITH CHIMICHURI

##### GRILLED PRAWNS

Roasted Cashew, Mango Cilantro Coulis

##### PERUVIAN CEVICHE

Served with Patacon

#### Second Step

##### MIXED GREENS

Cucumber, Avocado, Hearts of Palm, Tomato, Balsamic Vinaigrette

##### ARUBAN FISH CHOWDER WITH CRISP ONIONS

##### CAESAR SALAD WITH BACON

Parmesan and Ciabata Croutons

#### Entrees

##### BLACKENED MAHI MAHI

Garlic Cassava Oil, and Madame Jeanette Papaya

##### SEARED GROUPER

Stir-Fry Rice Pasta, Vegetables with Tamari Sauce

##### GRILLED NEW YORK STEAK

Caribbean Mashed Potato, Stir-Fry Okra and Peppercorn Sauce

##### SEAFOOD PEPPER POT

Shrimps, Scallops, Green Mussels, Baby Clams with Aruban Funchi

#### Desserts

##### CARIBBEAN PASSION FRUIT CRÈME BRÛLÉE

##### COCONUT MOUSSE CAKE WITH VANILLA SAUCE

##### DECADENT CHOCOLATE CAKE WITH BERRY COMPOTE

### and much more...

All prices are in U.S. dollars. 15 % service charge plus 1.5% local tax will be added to each check. Prices and menu items are subject to change without notice.

### Dining Information

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# Palms



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### Start your meal off with...

#### TRADITIONAL COBB SALAD

Grilled chicken, smoked bacon, egg, avocado, blue cheese, tomatoes, tossed with lemon-Dijon dressing

#### MAPLE-LIME MARINATED SALMON SALAD

Sustainable salmon, spinach, frisee, radish, green beans, egg, mustard dressing

#### BLACKENED FISH TACO

Local grouper, guacamole, shredded cabbage, pico de gallo, Texas beans

### Main Attractions

#### MEYER NATURAL ANGUS BURGER

Aged white cheddar, horseradish sauce, onion jam on a brioche bun

#### GRILLED WAHOO

Local catch grilled with Aruban Creole sauce, island rice

#### ROASTED SALMON

Sustainable salmon, with green vegetables and balsamic vinaigrette

#### MUSHROOM RISOTTO

Aruban cultivated mushrooms and spinach, parmesan cheese

#### WHOLE WHEAT LINGUINE

Shrimp, asparagus, fresh parsley, and roasted garlic oil

### Desserts

#### TIRAMISU

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#### LAVA CAKE

Dutch Chocolate Lava Cake vanilla Ice Cream and Ganache sauce

#### CHEESE CAKE DUO

Cheese Cake and Brownies with Berry Compote, Chantilly and fresh berries

### and much more...

All prices are in U.S. dollars. 15% service charge plus 1.5% local tax will be added to each check. Prices and menu items are subject to change without notice.

### Dining Information

**HOURS:** Open for lunch daily, 11:30 – 5:30 p.m.

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## RUINAS DEL MAR



# RUINAS <sup>del</sup> MAR



Ruins by the Sea, is Hyatt Regency Aruba's signature restaurant offering contemporary cuisine in an open air environment. Guests are invited to enjoy menu items such as fresh seafood and steaks, hearth oven specialties, and a display of multiple food stations offering breakfast, Sunday Brunch, and special events. The design of Ruinas del Mal pays homage to several original Aruban architectural elements including caliche stone and the use of water in design

### Start your meal off with...

#### CLASSIC CAESAR SALAD

White Anchovy, Parmesan, Herb Focaccia Croutons

#### DUTCH ONION SOUP

Spek, Sweet Onions, Gouda Gratinée

#### CLASSIC SHRIMP COCKTAIL

American & European Cocktail Sauce, Fresh Citrus

### Main Attractions

#### HEARTH ROASTED BREAST OF CHICKEN

Classic Mirepoix, Baby Criollo Potatoes, French Beans Almandine, Herb Chicken Jus

#### KANSAS STRIP STEAK

Sautéed Spinach, Wild Mushroom Ragout, Gouda Whipped Potatoes, Cabernet Reduction

#### SAUTÉED GROUPEL FILLET IN BROWN BUTTER

Roasted Almonds, French Beans, Roasted Potato Hash, Brown Sugar Rum Jezebel

#### CIGAR BOX CEDAR SALMON FILLET

French Beans, Baby Criollo Potatoes, Roasted Tomato, Lemon Thyme Confit

#### CLASSIC DUO

Six ounce grilled Filet Mignon, Gouda Whipped Potato, Peruvian Asparagus, five butter poached shrimp or split Caribbean lobster tail

### Desserts

#### TIRAMISU

With Coffee Cream Kahlua Liqueur

#### LAVA CAKE

Dutch Chocolate Lava Cake vanilla Ice Cream and Ganache sauce

#### CHEESE CAKE DUO

Cheese Cake and Brownies with Berry Compote, Chantilly and fresh berries

### and much more...

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### Dining Information

#### HOURS

Open for breakfast daily except Sundays, 7:00 – 12noon.

Open for dinner daily except Sunday, 5:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Open Sundays for Brunch, \$43.95 p.p./ s.c. + tax, 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

#### RESERVATIONS

Please call the Hyatt Regency +297-586-1234 Ext 37  
www.hyattregencyaruba.com





# Menu Temptations

## GINGER NEW ASIAN FLAVOURS



EXOTIC FLAVOURS FROM THE EAST



Characterized by its eclectic, exotic flavors of the east, Ginger tantalizes the taste buds with an Asian fusion mix of Chinese, Thai, Indonesian and Japanese flavors, as well as vegetarian choices. A popular place for food-lovers seeking a memorable dining experience with modern décor, cozy seating and lively music. Wednesday night special: 3 course dinner for \$25.-

### Start your meal off with... Appetizers from \$6 to \$16

#### TOM KIA CAI SOUP

Thai chicken coconut soup with shitake mushrooms

#### TUNA TARTARE

Marinated ahi tuna served with avocado and wasabi mayonnaise

#### THAI BEEF

Marinated beef served with cucumber, fried onions and peanut sauce

#### YAKITORI

Combination skewers of shrimp, tuna, beef & chicken served with teriyaki sauce

#### SUSHI COMBO

House platter with California roll, Nigiri and Niki sushi

### Main Attractions

Main courses from \$15 to \$25

#### SALMON UMAMI

Served with coconut lemon grass red curry sauce

#### CHICKEN TIKKA MASALA

Aromatic Indian chicken curry with vegetables

#### SPICY BEEF

Wok fried beef with bell pepper, green cabbage, cashew nuts & oyster chili sauce

#### SINGAPORE SPICY NOODLES

Egg noodles blended with shrimps, shitake mushroom & mix vegetables

#### GINGER PLATTER

Combination of spicy beef, chicken sate & tempura shrimp

### Desserts

Desserts from \$5 to \$7

#### GINGER LEMON CREAM

Lemon mousse enhanced with sake wine & candied ginger

### and much more...

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### Dining Information

#### HOURS

Open 7 days a week from 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

#### RESERVATIONS

Located at the Alhambra Casino and Shops  
Tel.: +297 280 9989



## SCREAMING EAGLE



One of Aruba's most original culinary experiences may be found at the Screaming Eagle Restaurant on Eagle Beach. The restaurant conceived by the team that made the Flying Fishbone Restaurant in Savaneta so popular, created a trendy South Beach style décor, and perfectly matched it with French fusion boutique-cuisine, complemented by a well stocked wine cellar with over 100 feted labels on the list, and an equally impressive bar list of over 120 cocktails from around the world.

The recently introduced flambé cart, makes everything even more spectacular since you can now see the dish and smell it, as it simmers on the geridon, prepared the old fashion way, by a French-trained maitre D'.

### Start your meal off with... Appetizers \$9.50 to \$18.50

#### AHI TUNA "TARTARE"

Wakame salad, spicy papaya mayonnaise

#### CRÈME BRÛLÉE OF HUNGARIAN DUCK LIVER

Mango compôte and toasted brioche

#### CARPACCIO OF ARTICHOKE

Melted goat cheese and honey walnut sauce

### Main Attractions

Main courses \$27.00 to \$39.50

#### DOVER SOLE

Prepared a la meunière and filleted table side, served with mashed potatoes and steamed vegetables

#### PAN-SEARED FRESH ATLANTIC SALMON

Soy-sesame sauce and white rice

#### NORWEGIAN HALIBUT

With truffle risotto spinach and champagne sauce

#### THAI CARAMELIZED SHRIMPS

Mixed vegetables and spicy noodles

#### USDA BLACK ANGUS BONE-IN COWBOY RIB-EYE

Spicy homemade bbq sauce, thick sliced tomato and oven prepared lyon style potatoes

#### MILK FED NEW ZEALAND LAMB RACK

Grilled eggplant, mashed potatoes and honey sauce

### Dessert

Desserts \$7.50 to \$14.50

#### LA TAZZA FAMOSSA

Chocolate cup and saucer filled with tia maria and orange sherbet, topped with chocolate mousse

#### TARTE TATIN

Classic french caramelized upside-down apple tart in the tradition of world famous hotel maxim's of paris

### and much more...

Screaming Eagle Restaurant-Lounge is affiliated with Flying Fishbone Restaurant in Savaneta

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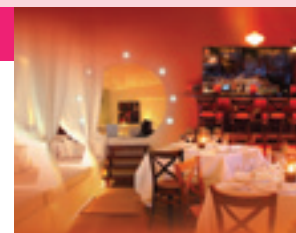
### Dining Information

#### HOURS

Kitchen open daily from 6:00 p.m., extended bar & lounge hours

#### RESERVATIONS

J.E. Irausquin Blvd.228, Eagle Beach  
Phone: +297 587 8021  
Email: info@screaming-eagle.net  
www.screaming-eagle.net





## TEXAS DE BRAZIL



Texas de Brazil is an authentic Brazilian-American style steakhouse, the ultimate in continuous dining concepts. Diners are tempted by an extravagant 40-item seasonal salad area of roasted vegetables, imported cheeses and home-made soups. Hailed for its "flawless meats" by the Dallas Morning News, carvers will then swarm your table with choice cuts of sizzling beef, pork, lamb, sausage and chicken; all flamegrilled to perfection and served tableside on large sword-like skewers. Signature Brazilian cocktails, rare wines, exquisite desserts, and hand-rolled Cuban cigars make for the most incredible dining experience that is uniquely Texas de Brazil.



### Start your meal off with...

#### SALAD BAR

The exceptional salad bar consists of the freshest salads, home-made dressings, buffalo mozzarella, zucchini, potato salad, crab salad, daily cold pasta, black beans with pork, baby corn, cucumbers, portabella mushrooms, sweet bell peppers, green beans, broccoli, olives, hearts of palm, sushi, ceviche, salami, tomatoes, smoked bacon, brown rice, imported cheeses, daily house soups and more.

### Main Attractions

#### MEATS

Filet mignon, filet mignon wrapped in bacon, top sirloin, leg of lamb, Brazilian sausage, Parmesan pork, chicken breast wrapped in bacon, Brazilian picanha, garlic picanha (our house specialty), flank steak, crispy chicken drum sticks, pork loin, pork ribs and beef ribs.

#### SIDE ITEMS

Garlic mashed potatoes, fried sweet bananas, Brazilian cheese bread and house specialty meat sauces.

### Desserts

Selection of desserts ranging from delicious cakes to papaya cream, our house specialty!

### and much more...

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### Dining Information

#### HOURS

Dinner from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. nightly Monday to Saturday  
Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

#### RESERVATIONS

Juan E. Irausquin Blvd. 382. Palm Beach  
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## WATER'S EDGE 12°N



Enjoy a contemporary eatery, on the water's edge at Costa Linda Beach Resort. After a total remake and design the Water's Edge Restaurant, 12° North, is spectacular, featuring an octagon-shaped dining room with beautiful ocean views paired with an on-trend menu of pastas, steaks, and fresh seafood dishes. Lounge at the stylish adjacent bar or linger over breakfast, lunch, and cocktails in the tropical outdoors. Reasonably priced, serving generous portions.

### Breakfast

**EGGS & OMELETS**  
American Breakfast, Aruba Breakfast, Creole or Western Omelet and more..... **From \$5.95**

**PANCAKES & FRENCH TOAST**  
With your choice of seasonal fruits or berries..... **From \$6.00**

**BELGIAN WAFFLES & CREPES**  
Crepe Montecristo layered with roast turkey, cured ham, Cheddar and Monterey Jack cheeses..... **From \$5.00**

#### FRUITS & CEREALS

### Lunch

**APPETIZERS, SOUPS & SALADS, BURGERS, SANDWICHES & WRAPS**..... **From \$7.00**

### Dinner

**APPETIZERS, SOUPS & SALADS, SEAFOOD & PASTA, STEAKS**  
Spicy Caribbean Seafood Pasta, Filet of Grouper topped with fresh mango salsa, steamed asparagus, Ribeye or NY Strip Sirloin **Appetizers from \$7**  
Steak with apple wood smoked bacon bleu cheese butter..... **Main courses from \$15**

### Bar Menu

**APPETIZERS, BURGERS, SANDWICHES**  
Beef Carpaccio, Chips & Dips, Crispy Wings, Buffalo Shrimp, Quesadillas..... **From \$7.00**

### and much more...

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### Dining Information

#### HOURS

Breakfast, served 8:00 am to 11:00 am  
Lunch, served 11:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Dinner, served from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm  
Bar Menu, served all day, 11:00 am to 11:00 pm

#### RESERVATIONS

Costa Linda Beach Resort. Tel: +297-583-80-00 ext 725/788  
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# Menu Temptations

## SUNSET GRILLE



Join us for an evening at the AAA four-diamond Sunset Grille, featuring the best selection of USDA Certified Angus Beef and amazingly fresh seafood, all prepared under the watchful eye of our culinary artists. The recently refreshed restaurant prides itself on the quality of its food and the excellence of its service. Reservations required.

### Start your meal off with...

SEARED YELLOWFIN TUNA Black & white sesame crust, nori, pickled ginger & soy.....	\$15.50
GRILLED DIVER SCALLOPS Green asparagus, herb sauce & fried capers.....	\$16.00
LOBSTER BISQUE Lobster tail meat & asparagus tips.....	\$12.00
MARTINI CHOPPED SALAD Apple, walnuts, heart of palm, tomato, cucumber, boiled egg, olives shaken in a Chopin vodka ranch dressing.....	\$14.50

### Main Attractions

CHILEAN SEA BASS Miso marinated with spinach, soy, garlic, ginger & asparagus.....	\$33.00
BAKED STUFFED SHRIMP Lump crab meat, garlic-herb crumbs, spaghetti & pomodoro sauce.....	\$31.50
CHARCOAL GRILL 22oz PORTERHOUSE STEAK, SURF & TURF, 12oz NEW YORK STRIP LOIN, 16oz RIB EYE, FILET MIGNON & PETITE FILET MIGNON 100 % certified American Black Angus beef served with a choice of aromatic butter, chimichurri sauce, peppercorn-sauce or béarnaise, and a great selection of unique sides a la carte.....	from \$34.00
VEAL TENDERLOIN A LA OSCAR Spinach, asparagus, snow crab meat & béarnaise sauce.....	\$36.00
SAUTEED FREE RANGE CHICKEN BREAST Mushrooms, shallots, white wine & cream.....	\$29.00

### and much more...

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### Dining Information

#### HOURS

Seven days a week  
Dinner: 6:00 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
Mira Solo Martini & Wine Bar: till 12midnight, weekends till 1am

#### RESERVATIONS

Please call the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa  
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## PUREOCEAN

# pureocean

BEACHSIDE DINING



Pureocean is located right on the beach at the Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort. Unwind in lazy, comfortable chairs on our white sandy beach as you watch the sun set. Inside, the décor is rustic and open-aired. Enjoy the spectacular ocean view from your table, or dine directly on the beach, savoring our chef's fusion-style cooking, featuring fresh seafood, lobster and great steaks, all at reasonable prices.

### Start your meal off with...

COCONUT CURRY MUSSELS Steamed with fresh cilantro, light curry coconut milk.....	\$15.00
ICED SHRIMP COCKTAIL Lime cocktail sauce.....	\$9.50
THE WEDGE Wedge of iceberg, crisp bacon, diced tomatoes, blue cheese crumbles, creamy blue cheese dressing.....	\$7.00

### Main Attractions

SEARED SCALLOPS Served over a cherry tomato, asparagus risotto.....	\$23.00
CRISPY COCONUT CURRY GROUPER Crispy fried grouper over a bed of jasmine rice, plantain, stir fried vegetables, finished with a mild coconut curry sauce.....	\$22.00
CARIBBEAN LOBSTER Broiled served with a sweet potato mash, market vegetables, drawn butter and lemon.....	Market Price
STEAK FRITES Grilled skirt steak, plantain and chimichurri sauce.....	\$28.50
FILET MIGNON USDA beef tenderloin, pan seared, blue cheese BBQ sauce.....	\$38.00
OSSO BUCO Bone-In Veal shank, vegetable stew, served over a squash risotto.....	\$32.00

### Dessert

CRÈME BRULEE Kaffir lime-scented Catalonian crème brulee.....	\$9.50
MINI DESSERT TRIO Our delicious desserts- miniaturized! Crème brulee, warm chocolate bread pudding, and mango cheese cake.....	\$11.00

### and much more...

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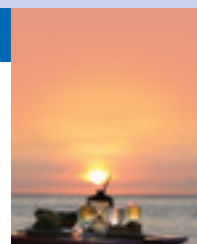
### Dining Information

#### HOURS

Breakfast: 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. daily  
Dinner: 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. nightly  
Happy Hour: 4:00 p.m. - 6 p.m.

#### RESERVATIONS

Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort, Juan E Irausquin 75, Palm Beach  
Tel.: +297 586-6066 ext 7029, after 5 p.m. ext. 7041  
Email: phxfnb@diviresort.com





# Menu Temptations

## FLYING FISHBONE



Imagine dining on the beach, toes in the sand, under swaying palm fronds, in a perfect little crescent bay in Savaneta.

Enjoy a fine selection of delicious Caribbean and Continental seafood & steak creations, made unforgettable by artistic plate presentations and caring service, at one of Aruba's landmark restaurants.

### Start your meal off with... Appetizers \$7.50 to \$18.50

#### SHRIMP AND AVOCADO

With a red bell pepper and goat cheese dressing

#### FLASH SEARED TUNA TATAKI

Sweet & sour cucumber, sesame dressing, cilantro mayonnaise

#### CARPACCIO OF ARTICHOKE WITH GOAT CHEESE

Artichoke with melted goat cheese, honey walnut dressing

### Main Attractions

Main courses \$26.50 to \$39.50

#### SAVANETA SEAFOOD HISTORY

Rich variety of seafood in a creamy curry sauce

#### SHRIMP SHII-TAKE & BLUE CHEESE CASSEROLE

Our guest's most popular dish

#### LOBSTER THERMIDOR

Mouthwatering caribbean rock lobster, oven browned with a creamy cheese sauce, spinach and greek potato

#### SCALLOPS FLORENTINE

Mouthwatering scallops and spinach, topped off with a rich parmesan cheese sauce, baked until bubbly and delicious

#### GRILLED MAPLE LEAF DUCK BREAST

Juicy duck breast with oriental sesame sauce on noodles

#### BEEF TENDERLOIN

Most tender cut of USDA prime-aged, midwest grain-fed beef with mushroom, onion, blue cheese and port sauce

### Dessert

Desserts \$8.00

#### BAKED ALASKA

Vanilla ice cream, sponge cake covered with meringue, flambéed with cognac, served with cherries

#### COCO PARFAIT

Pineapple mint compote and coconut tuille

### and much more...

Flying Fishbone Restaurant is affiliated with  
Screaming Eagle Restaurant-Lounge on Eagle Beach

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## Dining Information

#### HOURS

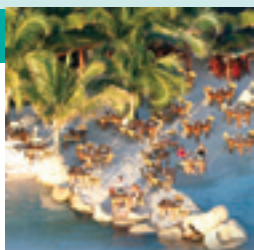
Kitchen open daily from 5.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.

#### RESERVATIONS

Savaneta 344, Aruba

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# Menu Temptations

## IKE'S BISTRO



Enjoy a modern twist on Mediterranean cuisine, Caribbean style, with Aruba's most talented, young chef Ever De Peña, paying homage to the late resort founder, award-winning hotelier Ike Cohen.

With seating in the garden terrace or around the tropical pool, Ike's Bistro experience is enchanting and all menu items extremely enticing. Undecided guests may opt for the tasting menu of 4 or 5 smaller portions of the chef's seasonal specialties. The chef will come to your table to consult about preferences and will tailor the meal to your palate!

### Start your meal off with...

#### CEVICHE AND AVOCADO

Caribbean grouper cooked in lemon with avocado, mango, onion and lime juice

#### CAPRESE AND ORANGES

Buffalo mozzarella, tomato, orange, basil, basil mousse

#### GAZPACHO AND MINT

Cold refreshing tomato soup, infused with mint oil

#### COUSCOUS

Warm couscous salad with cherry tomato, green beans, fresh herbs and cardamom infused oil

### Main Attractions

#### TUNA

Grilled tuna with cherry tomato, avocado salad and chardonnay balsamic thyme reduction

#### SEA BASS

Pan seared sea bass with sautéed spinach, guinoa salad and yoghurt pomegranate salsa

#### VEAL

Grilled veal chop with red pepper risotto, sautéed spinach and spiced apple compote

#### STEAK AND SHRIMP

Grilled tenderloin steak with garlic mashed potato, creamy spinach and lobster sauce

### Desserts

#### CHOCOLATE TEMPTATIONS

Chocolate cake, chocolate panna cotta, chocolate ice cream with toasted almond crush and strawberry vanilla sauce

#### PASSION FRUIT PARFAIT AND BERRIES

Passion fruit parfait, wild berries, mint sauce and strawberry ice cream

### and much more...

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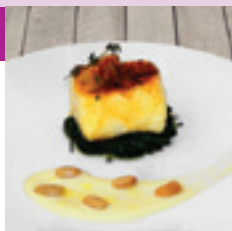
### Dining Information

#### HOURS

Dinner: 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

#### RESERVATIONS

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## L.G. SMITH STEAK & CHOP HOUSE

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### Start your meal off with...

#### DUET OF CRAB

Lump crab cake, stone crab claw, lemon butter caper sauce, grilled sourdough bread..... \$17.00

#### CARPACCIO

Certified Angus Beef ® filet, tossed wakame, pine nuts, miso vinaigrette..... \$14.00

#### APPLEWOOD SMOKED STEAK

Certified Angus Beef ®steak, baby spinach, mushrooms, crispy onions, asparagus, fresh ground black pepper-bacon vinaigrette..... \$15.00

### Main Attractions

FILET MIGNON, 10 OZ..... \$36.00

KANSAS CITY BONE -IN STRIP, 16 OZ..... \$37.00

VEAL CHOP, 14 OZ..... \$43.00

#### SURF & TURF

5oz Certified Angus Beef ® filet mignon, half lobster..... \$41.00

#### SEAFOOD MIGNON

5oz Certified Angus Beef ® filet mignon, fresh pasta, shrimp, scallops, Madame Jeanette lobster sauce..... \$36.00

#### VEGETABLE WELLINGTON

Broccoli, zucchini, yellow squash, mushrooms, spinach, wine sauce..... \$17.00

All entrees are served with your choice of two side dishes which include: truffled creamed, corn creamed spinach, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, sauteed mushrooms, steak fries, Idaho baked potato, rice and asparagus spears.

### Desserts

OUR TRADITIONAL CRÈME BRÛLÉE..... \$7.00

FRESHLY BAKED MANGO CRUMBLE..... \$8.00

SWEETEST TABOO..... \$10.00

L.G. SMITH'S SIGNATURE MASCARPONE TART..... \$12.00

### and much more...

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### Dining Information

#### HOURS: Dinner 5:30 to 11:00 p.m., Monday to Sunday

Live entertainment by the popular saxophonist "El Prove" every Saturday from 6:30pm

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6:00 and 6:30 p.m.

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#### RESERVATIONS

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